



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE | OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY | 21-039

Findings of Misconduct by an FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Asking a Supervisory Special Agent to Convey Knowingly Inaccurate Information to Their Chain of Command

During the course of a Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigation, investigators learned that a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) may have engaged in misconduct when the ASAC requested a Supervisory Special Agent (SSA) relay knowingly false information to the chain of command concerning collection of evidence in an administrative investigation. The ASAC asked the SSA to permit the ASAC to tell the ASAC's chain of command that the ASAC learned about an OIG request for evidence from the SSA, rather than the actual source of such information, which was a different co-worker. The SSA declined the ASAC's request, and the ASAC never followed through with the proposed false statement to the chain of command. The OIG concluded that the ASAC engaged in administrative misconduct when the ASAC asked the SSA to participate in conveying knowingly inaccurate information to the chain of command, in violation of FBI policy.

The OIG has concluded its investigation and provided its report to the FBI for appropriate action.



Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether DOJ personnel have committed misconduct.